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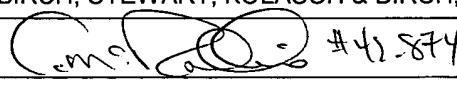
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In reply to the Election/Restriction Requirement dated June 8, 2006, the following remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

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